

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-4 and 13-22 are pending in the application. Claims 5-12 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 13, 17, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for the interview conducted on November 19, 2009 ("the interview"). During the interview, proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 13, 17, and 19 were discussed to overcome the references cited in the Office Action. Agreement was reached.

Claim 19-22 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Office states that the claims contain a DSL modem as an element of the DSL router and no support for the feature could be found in the original specification. Applicants have amended claim 19 such that the DSL modem is not an element of the DSL router. Hence, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 17 and 18 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,032,012 ("Roth"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Roth fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 17. For example, the cited portions of Roth fail to disclose or suggest a DSL router connected to a local network, the local network including at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of at least one network capable device with respect to a remote network and, in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the at least one network capable device to the remote network, as in claim 17. Hence, claim 17 is allowable. Claim 18 is also allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 17.

Claim 1 is Allowable

The Office has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,127,049 ("Godse") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,162 ("Ortega"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse and Ortega fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Godse and Ortega fail to disclose or suggest a local network including at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL modem and, in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL modem, as in claim 1. Hence, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-4 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godse in view of Ortega and further in view of Roth. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse, Ortega, and Roth fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 1. For example, the cited portions of Godse, Ortega, and Roth fail to disclose or suggest a local network including at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL modem wherein in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL modem, as in claim 1. Hence, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-4 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Claims 13, 14, 16, and 19-21 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 13, 14, 16, and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godse in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,059 ("Starr"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse and Starr fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 13. For example, the cited portions of Godse and Starr fail to disclose or suggest a local network that includes at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL router and in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL router, as in claim 13. Hence, claim 13 is allowable. Claims 14 and 16 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 13.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse and Starr fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 19. For example, the cited portions of Godse and Starr fail to disclose or suggest a local network including at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL router and, in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL router, as in claim 19. Hence, claim 19 is allowable. Claims 20 and 21 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 19.

Claim 15 is Allowable

The Office has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godse in view of Starr and further in view of Ortega. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse, Starr, and Ortega fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 13. For example, the cited portions of Godse, Starr, and Ortega fail to disclose or suggest a local network that includes at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL router and in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL router, as in claim 13.

Hence, claim 13 is allowable. Claim 15 is also allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 13.

Claim 22 is Allowable

The Office has rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godse in view of Starr and further in view of Roth. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating in the interview that the cited portions of Godse, Starr, and Roth fail to disclose or suggest at least one element of claim 19. For example, the cited portions of Godse, Starr, and Roth fail to disclose or suggest a local network including at least one network capable device that contains a graphical activation display icon to illustrate a connection status of a powered-on network capable device with respect to a DSL router and, in response to receiving a user command, the graphical activation display icon selectively connects the powered-on network capable device to the DSL router, as in claim 19. Hence, claim 19 is allowable. Claim 22 is also allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 19.

CONCLUSION

Applicants has pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the cited portions of the references as applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

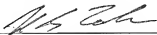
Any changes to the claims in this response, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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